

SINGAPORE AND CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce kindly forwards us the following communication:—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Singapore, 24th July, 1895.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 6th instant, No. 4661/95 I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that the proclamation of 8th May, therein referred to, prohibiting Chinese immigration into this port by vessel, leaving or touching at Macao, Swatow or Hainan, has now been entirely withdrawn.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. H. TALBOT.
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

ALLEGED ARSON IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE MAGISTRACY.

The five men charged with being concerned in setting fire to the premises at 371 Queen's Road Central were again brought before Mr. H. F. Wodehouse at the Magistracy this morning. The shop is described as a marine delicacy shop (the delicacies consisting of salt fish, shark's fin, oysters, etc.), and is next to the branch establishment of the Hongkong Dispensary. The fire occurred between eight and ten o'clock on the night of the 29th July.

Prior to the case being called, Mr. G. C. Master (Acting Crown Solicitor) appeared to make an application.

Mr. Master.—There is a Chinese charged with arson remanded till to-day at 11 o'clock. I am instructed to prosecute, and Mr. Grist attends on behalf of the accused: I ask for a remand till some day next week. It is impossible for me to go to-day. You had instructions this morning. If you fix some day—Wednesday, or any other day next week—I will be prepared to go right through with the case.

His Worship.—I would like to finish the first witness's evidence.

Mr. Master.—The witness?

His Worship.—Yes.

Mr. Master.—If I wish to recall him, of course, I will be at liberty to do so.

His Worship.—Certainly; after taking his evidence I will remand.

Mr. Master.—Will you adjourn till Tuesday afternoon?

His Worship.—Why not this afternoon?

Mr. Master.—I will not be ready. I have to get a plan and go into the books. I will only be able to take some of the evidence if we go on this afternoon and then will have to ask for a remand.

His Worship.—If there is any evidence as to the facts it will be better to take it as soon as possible.

Mr. Master.—In order to go into the facts I must have a plan made. I have not seen the place yet; I am going to see it this morning. I want an opportunity of going through the books.

His Worship.—I will see how we get on this morning, and will let you know to what day we adjourn.

Mr. Master.—Of course, I should like to take the evidence of the constable, who was the first European on the spot, in connection with the plan I wish to have.

If your Worship will remand till next Tuesday I will undertake to be in a position to go right through the case.

His Worship.—An adjournment now would upset my arrangements.

Mr. Master.—Any day next week will do. Mr. Grist supports me in asking for a remand.

His Worship.—I will finish the Chinese witness and then remand. I will fix some morning and will arrange to go on with the case the same afternoon.

Mr. Master then withdrew, and shortly after His Worship resumed the case.

Mr. E. J. Grist appeared on behalf of the accused, and Mr. J. Hastings watched the case on behalf of the Sun Insurance Office.

Leung Sing, District Watchman 51 (recalled)—I don't know the man who came to tell me there had been a fire. He did not tell me to the shop that was on fire.

There was a noise in the street and he came to tell me.

How far had you to go to get to the shop?—About ten chungs.

What did you find there?—The door was half closed.

Could you see from the outside there was a fire?—I had to get in to see the fire. One could see the smoke from outside. As soon as I got inside I saw the fire, which was in the—

Was anybody on the ground floor when you went in?—Yes; two persons. There were also two on the stairs to the cockpit. They are here. The first prisoner was one of them. I do not recognize the other.

What was the first defendant doing?—He was standing a little outside the counter. I said to them: 'There is a fire in your shop, why don't you put it out?' They replied: 'Oh, it is so strong.'

The cockpit takes up about one-third of the ground floor?—Yes. It is at the back of the shop. The stair leading up to it is on the west or left-hand side. It leads directly into the cockpit. On going up the stair I encountered two men. They are not the same two men I saw standing in the shop.

What were they doing on the staircase?—They appeared to be coming down from the cockpit.

Should you know these two men if you were to see them?—I could not identify them.

Are you able to say they are not any of the live in the dock?—I could not say.

On getting up to the cockpit who did you see was in?—I saw the flooring of the cockpit, was on fire and the asbestos, some burnt paper; there was a strong smell of kerosene. It was the flooring next to the staircase that was on fire.

Was there any light in the cockpit other than the flames?—No.

Was there anybody in the cockpit?—No.

Did it appear to be inhabited?—No; not at any time. I only saw a broken lamp.

Was there anything else on fire besides the flooring?—Nothing else except the paper. The railing close to the staircase was also on fire. There was some clothing hanging underneath the cockpit, in the passage of the accountant's room. The height of the cockpit from the floor was between 5 and 9 Chinese feet. I put out the fire with some water.

How long were you about it?—About five minutes.

It had not occurred to me that there was suspicion till you got outside. It did not occur to me then that the fire was suspicion till I returned to the shop.

How long was it before you returned to the shop?—About ten minutes. On going back the shop was opened by a man dressed in black. I cannot say if it was one of all, for any order, but the one symbolic of the sustenance of the patient's mind would have been more tactful. It was passing. Once upon a fellow seeing that Lord Rosebery's minister had already acquited L'Ortez de la Motte.

Did you see anybody else on the ground floor?—Another man dressed in black.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon.—Hon. F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works (Chairman), presiding; there were also present: Captain W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Dr. J. A. Lowson, Acting Colonial Surgeon; Dr. Westcott, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Mr. N. J. Ede, and Mr. H. McCallum, Secretary.

WEELS.

The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police moved:—

That whereas it has been made to appear to the Sanitary Board that certain wells hereafter named are in an insanitary condition, and are likely to prove injurious to health, the said wells named hereafter are hereby ordered to be closed within the next three days.

Dr. Lowson seconded.

Agreed.

WATER-CLOSETS.

Mr. Ede moved:—

That the Board hereby lays it down as a rule not to grant permits to erect water-closets in private residences unless under very exceptional circumstances, being of opinion that the general introduction of Water-closets in the Colony is undesirable.

Mr. Ede based his remarks on the opinions expressed in the report of a sub-committee of the Board in March this year. Opinions therein were given by doctors, architects, engineers, and householders, all against the use of water-closets in Hongkong. But

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If they had caught fire they would have burned readily?—Yes.

Did they appear to be put there purposely?—They appeared to be in their ordinary places.

On the first occasion when you visited the cockpit the floor was on fire?—Yes.

There was one wooden box near the place, containing some old clothing. There was some paper on the top of the clothing.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1895.

Mails.	Mails.	Shipping.	Notices to Consignees.	Intimations.	Intimations.
NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.	Occidental & Oriental Steam- Ship Company.	Steamers.	SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.	THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.	FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.	TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.	CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.	NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.	LI KWONG LOONG, Carver, maker, and Art Decorator, from SHANGHAI, has opened a FURNITURE STORE at No. 3, WYNDHAM STREET, the only shop in Hongkong with this name. Where HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.	PEAK HOTEL.
THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the Pacific Coast and to the In- terior and EASTERN CITIES of the United States and CANADA and to EUROPE.	THE Steamship Kuetsing, Captain DAWSON, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 8th August.	FOR TIENSIN.	S.S. BRECONSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.	NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA- ORDINARY General MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COM- PANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 12th day of August, 1895, at 12 Noon, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed, viz:—	OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.
HONGKONG to LONDON, \$400. Excellent accommodation. First class Table, Deck, and STEWARDESSES carried. HONGKONG to NEW YORK, \$350. The Railroads travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE Moun- tains. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.	ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.	FOR Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.	CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being handed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.	That the Capital of the Company be re- duced from \$1,000,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$50 each to \$200,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$10 each, and that such reduction be effected by canceling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$40 per share on each of the 14,117 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares to the Company's cap- ital from \$50 to \$10 per share.	SPECIAL SUMMER RATES. (From 1st April to 31st October). One person, per day ... \$ 4.00 One person, per month ... \$75 to 10.00 Married couple (occupying one room) per day ... 7.00 Married couple (occupying one room) per month ... 150.00 Married couple (occupying two rooms) per month ... 170.00 For further Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER, New Victoria Hotel, Hongkong, April 10, 1895. 696
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.	NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.	LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our Dispensary and "gave us every satisfaction." (Sd.) "A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd." Orders punctually attended to and Charges most MODERATE.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
HONGKONG to TACOMA, \$225. Rates of Passage to other Points on ap- plication. Special rates allowed to members of Ge- vernment Services.	Kobe (via Nagasaki) ... THURSDAY, Aug. 8, Kobe, Inland Sea ... at noon. Takao (via Nagasaki) ... TUESDAY, Aug. 27, Kobe, Inland Sea ... at noon. Beijin (via Nagasaki) ... SATURDAY, Sept. 28, Kobe, Inland Sea ... at noon.	FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	Should the above Resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extra- ordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.	THE MANAGER, New Victoria Hotel, Hongkong, April 10, 1895. 696
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).	Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1406	FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.	Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1406	Dated this 25th day of July, 1895.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
TACOMA ... 2,559 Tuesday Aug. 6. Honolulu ... 3,694 Tuesday Aug. 27. S.S. ... Tuesday Sept. 17. Victoria ... 3,107 Tuesday Oct. 8. Tacoma ... 2,549 Tuesday Oct. 29. Honolulu ... 3,694 Tuesday Nov. 19.	THE Steamship COPTIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 8th August, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.	THE Steamship Spodilus, Captain GRIFFITHS, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th Proximo.	For Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.	NOTICE is given that an EXTRA- ORDINARY General MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COM- PANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 12th day of August, 1895, at 12 Noon, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed, viz:—	THE PEAK HOTEL.
* No Passengers carried by this sailing.	Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1406	THE Steamship Pardesir, Captain DAVIES, M.R.N., will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 20th August.	For Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.	That the Capital of the Company be re- duced from \$1,000,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$50 each to \$200,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$10 each, and that such reduction be effected by canceling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$40 per share on each of the 14,117 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares to the Company's cap- ital from \$50 to \$10 per share.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
THE Steamship TACOMA, Captain CRAWFORD, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	THE Steamship Kuetsing, Captain DAVIES, M.R.N., will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 20th August.	For Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.	LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our Dispensary and "gave us every satisfaction." (Sd.) "A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd." Orders punctually attended to and Charges most MODERATE.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.	Victoria ... 3,107 Tuesday Oct. 8. TACOMA ... 2,549 Tuesday Oct. 29. Honolulu ... 3,694 Tuesday Nov. 19.	THE above-named Steamer having ar- rived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOW- LOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	AN INSPECTION INVITED.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.	Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1406	OPTIONAL CARGO will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before this afternoon, at 4 p.m.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	Hongkong, April 13, 1895. 712	THE PEAK HOTEL.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re- embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.	Hongkong, July 18, 1895. 1317	No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th Aug., will be subject to rent.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	NOTICE.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
All Parcel Packages should be marked to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.	Hongkong, July 18, 1895. 1317	All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th Prox., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	SHIEWAN & Co., General Managers.	THE PEAK HOTEL.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re- embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.	Hongkong, July 18, 1895. 1317	Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOCHEP & Co., Agents.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	Hongkong, July 23, 1895. 1388	SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.
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O. TOURNAIRE, Acting Agent.	Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1360	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	THE FAST ROUTE—BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. (Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.) Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.
U. S. Mail Line.	PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.	TO LET.	TO LET.	CHAN A-TONG, COAL MERCHANT, No. 6, ARSENAL STREET, EAST. Business Office: No. 22, Gilman Street.	PEAK HOTEL.
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.	KIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.	TO LET.	TO LET.	1364	PEAK HOTEL.
ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th August, 1895, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YARNA, Commandant DE MAUBOURG, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.	PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	From 1st July.	From 1st July.	1364	PEAK HOTEL.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.	City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nihai, Kobs) ... SATURDAY, Aug. 17, Inland Sea and Honolulu) ... at noon.	CARLOWITZ & CO.	CARLOWITZ & CO.	1364	PEAK HOTEL.
Shipping Orders will be granted till noon, on Saturday, the 17th August.	China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Honolulu) ... SATURDAY, Sept. 7, at noon.	Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.	Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.	1364	PEAK HOTEL.
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